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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Eighth Meeting, 24 March 1959

MEMBERS PRESENT

AEC	- Mrs. Doris M. Freer
AGRIC	- Foster E. Mohrhardt
AIR	- Maj. George Kudravetz
ARMY	- Not represented
JIG	- Capt. George G. Palmer
LC	- Lewis C. Coffin
NAVY	- Not represented
NLM	- Col. Frank B. Rogers
NSA	[REDACTED]
NSF	[REDACTED]
STATE	- Bernard M. Fry - Leo M. Goodman - John J. Morrow, Alternate - H. Roth Newpher
USIA	[REDACTED]
CIA	[REDACTED]

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Chairman
Secretary

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VISITORS:

STATE	- Paul A. Smith, Jr.
CIA	- Joseph M. Walsh

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1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the seventh meeting were approved.

3. Progress Report on Want Lists. [REDACTED] USSR Coordinator in the Acquisitions Branch of the CIA Library, gave a report on the consolidated want lists of items difficult to procure. He stated that 6 of the agencies

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had submitted information for the want lists, with Army, Navy, NSA, NSF, State and USIA yet to be heard from. There was discussion as to what to include in the lists, and it was agreed that each agency submitting items should certify that all bibliographical searches had been made prior to submission. It was agreed further that three lists will be made of the consolidated wants: periodicals, trade, and books and monographs. Though the consensus of opinion was that there should be no cut-off date for the publishing date of books to be included, members were urged to be reasonable in their requests for back issues of periodicals.

4. Discussion of Possibility for Publications Exchange with Certain Countries. The State member reported that his Department is studying the problem and getting the reaction of the various bureaus to the letter of 27 February 1959 (PROCIB-D-10) from the Chairman to Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr. The letter requested a statement of policy from the Department of State on the matter of exchanging publications with six countries with whom the U.S. does not have diplomatic relations. It was agreed that no coordinated PROCIB study should be prepared until a reply has been received from the Department of State.

5. Status Report on P.L. 480 Program. The NSF member gave a progress report on current negotiations between the National Science Foundation and Israel. Additional contracts are being negotiated with Poland and Yugoslavia. The Chairman suggested that the National Science Foundation provide PROCIB members with program papers, country by country. The Library of Congress member called attention to a circular letter of 18 March 1959 from the Bureau of the Budget requesting supplemental budget submission for foreign currency programs authorized by section 104 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended. Among other things, this letter suggested that the agencies should consult with the Department of State with respect to the foreign policy aspects of their proposed budget request and to indicate the Department's views thereon, prior to submission to the Bureau of the Budget.

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these indexes. The Chairman requested informal expression of opinion on further support from the members. The National Library of Medicine member stated that his agency could not participate in the support of these projects, since his

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agency is already supporting programs of related interest, such as the Current List of Medical Literature. The Air, State and USIA members said that their respective agencies are studying the problem. AEC is interested in the proposal, and may contribute in FY1960. The NSA member reported that she cannot arouse much interest in financial support in her agency. The Agriculture member raised the question whether non-government financial support could be secured. The Chairman reported on the joint experiment being conducted by the Library of Congress and the Joint Publications Research Service to prepare the Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions. Procedures are being worked out in an attempt to arrive at the most economic way to prepare this publication, yet consistent with the high standards of the Library of Congress. Members of PROCIB will be kept informed of the progress of this project. The Chairman requested that each member assess the value of the three publications discussed, and be prepared to report at the next meeting.

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8. Annual Report of PROCIB. A draft copy of the PROCIB Annual Report will be submitted to members prior to the April meeting for discussion and review at that time.

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